

Household Hints.

Milk soup is a very nice dish for children or sick persons.

Yolk of eggs is as nourishing as white, though a little heavier. Clean a brass kettle, before using it for cooking, with salt and vinegar.

Try a very small piece of hard soap and a little butter in hot water to make it glossy.

Lamps will have a less disagreeable smell if you dip your wick in vinegar and wash it with water.

Harshness will restore colors taken out by acid. It may be dropped upon any garment, (especially black) without doing harm.

In making puff paste the butter should be free from milk and butter. Squeezing it in a clean towel will take out all superfluous juice.

Those who make candles will find it a great improvement to steep the wicks in lime water and saltpetre, and dry them. The flame is clearer, and the tallow will not run.

Indian meal should be kept in a cool place, and stirred open in the air once in a while. A large stone put in the middle of a barrel of meal is a good thing to keep it cool.

Where borax and insect-powder fail to work on cockroaches, use redwaters, scattering abundantly where they run—a sure cure. A quarter of a pound will clear the largest house; they eat and die.

Spirits of turpentine is good to take the grease spots out of woolen clothing, to take spots of paint from mahogany furniture, and to cleanse white kid gloves. Cockroaches and all vermin have an aversion to spirits of turpentine.

It is a good plan to put earthenware into cold water and let it heat gradually; then cool again. Brown earthenware in particular may be toughened in this way. A handful of bran thrown in while it is boiling, will preserve the glazing so that it will not be destroyed by acid or salt.

Those who buy hard soap at the stores would find it economical to buy several boxes at a time, take it out of the boxes and pile it up so as to expose to the air to dry as much as possible. The harder, dryer it is, the further it will be in using it. The same is true of hard soap that is made at home.

Take ten cents worth of quick-silver and the white of an egg; beat them well together until the quicksilver is like fine pepper all through the egg. It may take an hour to beat. Do not use an egg-beater for the silver is poisonous. Then apply the mixture with a feather to all cracks or places where there are any bugs, and they will disappear.

In frying anything the fat should never be allowed to boil. Its proper heat may be known by observation. When it reaches 375 degrees of heat a faint blue smoke rises which tells that it is ready for use. If, however, it begins to smoke before the things to be fried are ready to go in, its tendency to boil may be checked by throwing in a raw potato or a piece of bread, which gives it something to work on.

Strawberry Jelly.—Soak a box of gelatin in cold water, enough to fairly cover it. When it is soft, add a heaping cup of white sugar, two quarts of strawberry syrup, and put all over a fire until the gelatin is entirely dissolved. If ripe strawberries are in market, they should be added and strained. Pour from the kettle into tin molds, and you have a splendid tea jelly. A dish of lemon juice, if you have no fresh strawberries, will add the flavor and make it more like the fresh fruit.

Fricassee Chickens, with Green Corn.—Cut the green corn from the cob, put in the pot, with water enough to cover it, let it stew until it is nearly done; then cut up the chicken, put it with the corn and let them stew together about 1-2 hour; put in a few whole grains of pepper, with a teaspoonful of cream or milk; thicken with 2 tablespoonfuls of flour stirred in a lump of butter; add the salt last.

Attention to little things about the farm, as in any other business, is what increases the profits. Plenty of eggs, a few chickens, a few calves, a colt or so, help out wonderfully. If some of the perquisites arising are given to the children for the care bestowed, they will cheerfully help in the garden, and thus another important item is added to the well being of the family.

Washing Clothes.—A system of washing clothes has lately been introduced in some French towns which is worthy of special mention. Its economy is so great as to greatly reduce cost. This is the process: Two pounds of soap is reduced with a little water to a pulp, which having been slightly warmed, is cooled in ten gallons of water, to which is added one spoonful of turpentine oil and two spoonfuls of ammonia; then the mixture is agitated. The water is kept at a temperature which may be borne by the hand. In this solution the white clothes are put and left there for two hours before washing them with soap, taking care, in the meantime, to cover the tub. The solution may be warmed again and used once more, but it will be necessary to add half a spoonful of ammonia. Once washed with soap the clothes are put in hot water, and the blue is applied. This process, it is obvious, saves much time, much labor and fuel, while it gives to the clothes a whiteness much superior to that obtained by any other process and the destructive use of the washboard is not necessary to clean the clothes from the impurities which they contain.

Bye Bread.

A lady writes to the American Agriculturist, that she makes her rye bread thus: Set a sponge over night as follows: One cup good yeast; six potatoes mashed fine; one pint warm water; three cups flour; two tablespoonfuls lard; two tablespoonfuls brown sugar. In the morning mix with this one quart warm sweet milk; one table spoon salt; one cup Indian meal and enough rye flour to make a pliable dough. In warm weather add one teaspoon soda dissolved. Mix it well and let raise for two or three hours; then mould into loaves, raise, and bake in deep pans.

A Timely Recipe.

Cut this out for use to-day! A speedy cure for burns from fire-crackers or from any cause; Wet a cloth and sprinkle upon it a liberal allowance of bicarbonate of soda (common cooking soda), bind it round the wound. This will speedily remove the smart and burn. It is a harmless and thoroughly efficient remedy. If no cloth can be had promptly, wet the part and sprinkle some of the dry soda upon it.

Kerosene and Carpets.—When you spill kerosene upon the floor or carpet, cover the spots with corn meal; when the oil strikes through, remove it and put on fresh, continuing this until the oil is entirely absorbed. How to tell safe Kerosene.—When kerosene that you have purchased for safe, will burn in a saucer by igniting with a match, throw it away at once. It is dangerous to use in your lamps, as an explosion some day will prove.

Saratoga Potatoes.—Slice them very thin, with a slow-cutter. Let them stand in cold water, with salt in it, for a short time, then take them out, dry them in a napkin, and drop a handful at a time into boiling lard. Fry to a light brown.

Some one speaking in the bearing of the late Daniel Webster of the sublime poetry of the Old Testament, the latter at once and seriously replied, "Ah, my friend the poetry of Isaiah, and Job and Habakkuk is grand indeed; but when you have lived as I have, sixty-seven years, you will give more for the 13th or 17th chapter of John's Gospel, or for one of the Epistles than for all the poetry in the Bible."

The La Plata, Macon county, Home Press says: Rev. M. L. Laws, who recently lectured on the bible here, made the following statement which was really startling: Human nature has never been able to frame a statute that would repress crime. No mental culture, alone, has ever done it. With all our public school system, crime has rapidly increased in Missouri, in the last seven years. The studied Bible is the only absolute repressor of crime known in human annals. Look at these figures!

There are 4 murders for every million of population per year in England; 30 in France; 100 in Spain. England has had a studied Bible for 300 years. France withdrew the Bible from her masses 270 years ago. She had 15 bloody revolutions in 83 years, while Germany has had one in 300 years.

Keep Down the Weeds.

Now that the grain crops are about harvested and the corn laid by, the farmer should devote his spare time to cutting weeds, before they ripen the seed. If this is all none, it not only improves the present appearance of the farm, but will make the cultivation of next year's crops much easier. A farm overrun with weeds and briars is a sight that no good farmer likes to look upon, and if you have no pride yourself, trim up so as to present a pleasing view to your neighbors and to passers-by. A dry time like the present is the time to cut the weeds, as they are not apt to recover.

A lady not accustomed to raising poultry, set a hen on some eggs, and in due course of time a brood of chickens were hatched. A friend coming in four days afterwards, noticing that the little things looked weak and puny asked how often they were fed. "Fed?" was the reply, "why, I thought the hen nursed them."

Farmers should now look over their apple trees carefully. The apple borers are commencing to work. If they are attended to immediately they cannot do a great deal of damage.

A photographer in the interior of Michigan advertises among his accessories "a new front glass—just the thing for a lover's picture." He on his to secure a lively run of custom.

Remarkable Feast of a Whirlwind.

During the high wind which prevailed yesterday morning, J. Moorman, Cutter started out with a half-gallon of whisky to take to his sick mother who lives out on Virginia street. He was found some hours afterward lying behind a fence on the hill in an inarticulate condition. Later in the day he recovered sufficiently to explain the catastrophe which had overtaken him. He said that he stopped around a corner to fix the cork in his jug and while he was taking the measure of the orifice of the jug, a tremendous wind came down on him. It sucked the liquor clean out of the jug, blew it down his throat, and turned the jug inside out. He could remember nothing more of the occurrence.

Brunswick News.

At a recent meeting of the temperance society a proposition was under discussion to expel certain members who had signed petitions for saloon license. One member arose, and trying to look wise and solemn as he steadily himself by the back of a bench, remarked: "Brurers and Sistern; My voish is in favor of the exshtermination—or, I should say, the exshpulsion—of any member 'f our bodle nobby—I mean noble bobby—or no-nobody thatsh proved recer't to his dooty. We must not conshidone so grave a fence. We must make 'xamples of 'em, er the first 'zing we know some of 'em'll be taken' ther zhuleps, an' maybe make ther 'pearance evn on zis floor in a 'necrated sbate of intosh(hic)ation. I move the unworthy members be expulshed, sine die."

A boy had always declined to eat oatmeal, although his mother had urged it upon him as a strengthening diet. Suddenly he surprised her by one morning eating a liberal plateful and calling for more. When she asked for an explanation, he replied, "I am bound to eat oatmeal till I get strong enough to whip George Scott."

If a lady wants a favor of a boy she praises him; of a young man, she hires him; of an old man, she flatters him.

So It Is With Scandal.

You might as well try to make the Mississippi run towards the north as to stop the evils of the scandal monger. They flow on, and on, ever gaining momentum. This old story relates how it works: "Scandal mongers can learn a lesson from the story told a woman who freely used her tongue to the scandal of others and made a confession to the priest of what she had done. He gave her a ripe thistle top and told her to scatter the seeds one by one. Wondering at the penance she obeyed and then returned and told her confession. To her amazement he told her to go back and gather the scattered seeds; and she objected that it would be impossible; he replied that it would be more difficult to gather up and destroy all the evil reports she had circulated about others. A thoughtless, careless child can scatter a handful of thistle seeds before the wind in a moment, but the strongest and the wisest man can not gather them again. So the slanderer may scatter seeds of discord that no effort can remove and the grave can scarcely cover."

A man who was never known to do a day's work thinks he can conduct a labor agency, says the New Orleans Picayune. More he is just the man to lead a labor-reform movement.

A colored minister in Georgia

was brought to trial before his church on a charge of stealing bacon. After a number of witnesses had been examined, the deacons retired, and soon afterward returned the following verdict: "The Rev. Moses Bledsoe is acquitted of de'minations dat be actual stole de pork, as 'twas not shode dat sombody else mite'n't have been wearin' his cloze; but de brudder is heer by 'fectionately warned dat in de future he must be more keerful."

A woman at Greengrub, Ind., was not sure that she wished to die, but thought she did; so she put her neck into a noose, stepped off a chair, taking the precaution to hold a sharp knife in her hand. The choking left her no longer in doubt that she still desired to live, and she hastily cut the rope above her head.

There is peace in store for bald-headed men. The patent-dispenser consists of a wire frame made to fit the head of any person. Inside the frame is a set of wheels and springs similar to those in a clock; and there are fine fans which, when set at work, revolve rapidly, not only causing a cool breeze but driving away the flies.

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